



SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF WMS CAMPS HELD

A successful series of WMS Camps was held at Camp Garaywa Aug. 23-31. Several present stand in front of imposing Southern Baptist world mission map. From left: Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, state WMU president; Mrs. Tammy Ethridge, Carthage; Mrs. Allen Webb, Hancock, both program leaders, and Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary. Miss Marjean Patterson is WMS director.

State Convention Board To Meet Sept. 25-26

The annual principal business meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson Sept. 25-26, according to the board's executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

Dr. D. C. Applegate, of Starkville, president of the body, is scheduled to preside.

The board is scheduled to adopt a Cooperative Program budget for 1967-68, hear reports of all phases of its work and make recommendations to be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson Nov. 14-16.

Other officers of the board are Dr. John G. McCall, of Vicksburg, vice-president, and Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, Newton, recording secretary.

The board will convene at 2:00 p. m. Monday and adjourn Tuesday when it completes its work.

The nine-man executive committee will meet Monday prior to the opening of the Board meeting.

The executive committee will be presided over by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, chairman, with Dr. Bob Ramsey, Brookhaven, vice chairman and Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, recording secretary.

Other members of the committee are: Dr. McCall, Mr. Triplett, Dr. Applegate, C. E. Kirk, Indianola, Rev. James B. Riley, Magnolia and Dr. John W. Flowers, Senatobia.

The audit, budget and allocations Committee of the board will meet at the Baptist Building in Jackson at 10 a. m. Sept. 5.

Formulates Budget

This committee has the responsibility of formulating the Cooperative Program budget that is presented to the board for consideration and approval and, later to the State Convention for adoption.

It will meet to hear the administrative heads of the denomination's institutions, boards and agencies present their needs for the coming year.

Members of this committee are: Dr. Hudgins, chairman; Dr. Applegate, Rev. Bill Baker, Calhoun City; Rev. P. A. Michel, Corinth and Jimmy Pope, Richton.

The board is the official agency of the state Convention, appointed to carry out the mission program of the Convention as well as other assignments.

It is composed of 77 men, one from each of the 77 associations in the state. Members are nominated by the associations and elected by the Convention.

FMB Names 22 Missionaries; Debriefs Pioneer Journeymen

GLORIETA, N. M. — August 19 — They're back. The first group of Southern Baptist missionary journeymen, employed and trained in the summer of 1965, were brought together by the Foreign Mission Board at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, August 17-21, for a debriefing.

The debriefing was held in connection with a special meeting of the Board (August 16-18) and the annual Foreign Mission Conference (August 17-23). In a Board session opening the conference the journeymen were introduced, congratulated on the completion of their assignments, and given certificates

of appreciation by Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary.

Of the original 46 journeymen, 43 completed the prescribed two years of work (two returned early because of illness, and one because of illness in her family). Forty-five were at the Glorieta debriefing.

Following the public presentation of the returned journeymen, 22 persons gave testimonies of God's call to career missionary service overseas. Dr. Fletcher said 93 percent of the overseas mission staff of the Board is made up of career persons. The journeymen work alongside them.

The candidates for mission appointment received the unanimous vote of the Board and the unanimous approval (shown by standing) of the large congregation.

Dr. Cauthen read Proverbs 17:22 and then charged the new missionaries "to be deliberately cheerful on purpose."

"I recommend to you the contagion of Christian radiance," he said. "You are going out with many different kinds of specialties. But there's nothing you're going to do in communicating the love of Jesus that will be quite so

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TO REBUILD CHURCHES

Alaska Volunteers Needed

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — An urgent appeal for a minimum of 100 volunteers to help repair flood-ravaged church buildings in Fairbanks, Alaska was issued here Sunday during Home Missions Week.

The Home Mission Board also announced a moratorium on church loans interest and payments due for six congregations that hold loans with the board.

Glendon McCullough of the Home Mission Board staff returned from Alaska late Saturday evening with the report that eight out of nine Baptist churches in Fairbanks were under water "up to or above the pews." The ninth, the First Baptist Church downtown, had a basement full of water and ruined records and hymnals.

The homes of Baptist church members, McCullough said, either were flooded or destroyed and few Baptists would be free to spend time on damaged church buildings.

Thoughts of sub-freezing weather, only weeks away, compounded the dimensions of the crisis. Furnaces must be repaired and insulation and foundations of homes and buildings somehow must be dried out. There was fear, too, that the foundations of churches were severely damaged and that several might have to be condemned.

"Plumbers, electricians, furnace workers, carpenters,

An urgent appeal has gone out for a minimum of 15 men from Mississippi to help repair flood-ravaged churches in Alaska, according to Rev. Elmer Howell, state Brotherhood secretary.

Men interested are urged to read the accompanying story and get in touch immediately with Mr. Howell.

masons and other specialists are needed by Labor Day for a minimum of two weeks, possibly as many as six," McCullough told a Sunday evening audience of about 2,000 pastors and church leaders.

Warren Wolfe, director of the Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps Ministry, said the appeal for men was being issued jointly with the Southern Baptists Brotherhood director George Schroeder sent letters to associational missionaries, asking them to request pastors in their areas to appeal for volunteers on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Rutledge said churches, associations or individuals are asked to cover the expenses of the volunteers, freeing the Home Mission Board to use its emergency funds to assist with pastors salaries and building materials.

Work Without Pay

The volunteers are asked to work without pay and to bring their own basic tools. (Materials are available.) Alaska Baptists will provide room and board.

McCullough reported Sunday that \$9,000 of the \$10,000 sent immediately by the Home Mission Board to assist

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Deacon-Pastor Retreats Begin Next Week

A series of three Baptist Pastor-Deacon retreats will be held in the state Sept. 4-12, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Out-of-state speakers, to appear at one or more retreats, will be Dr. Lewis Newman, director Division of Administrative Services, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Rev. John Baker, director of missions, Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver, and Rev. Bob Wilson, who holds the same position with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, Detroit.

The schedule for the retreats follows: Paul B. Johnson State Park, Sept. 4-5; Holmes State Park, Sept. 7-8 and Wall-Doxey State Park, Sept. 11-12.

Bible teachers for the three meetings will be: Paul B. Johnson Park, Dr. E. R. Pinson, professor of Bible at Mississippi College; Holmes Park, Dr. John F. Carter, professor of Bible at Clarke College, Newton; and Wall-Doxey Park, Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College.

At each retreat the program will begin at 10 a. m. the opening day and close following the evening message the second day, according to Therman V. Bryant, associate in the department and director of the retreats.

Others on program will include pastors and superintendents of missions from over the state.

Dr. Rogers said the retreats

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Total Ministry Is Urged At HMB Meet

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Missions Conference here placed strong emphasis on a total approach to a Christian ministry that unites Baptists' traditional concepts of evangelism with acts of social concern that demonstrate Christian love.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, capsuled the board's concept of ministry when he told the audience of nearly 3,000 pastors and church leaders:

"The Christian has something to offer in physical and material help as an expression of love and something to offer in spiritual help as he points men to Jesus Christ.

"This year of ministry is a year for us to capture again the spirit of our Lord, who was not only concerned about the souls of men but who was concerned about the human situation in which men find themselves. If we say we love a man's soul then we must be sympathetic to his burdens, his lacks, his frustrations, his hungers. This is the challenge of ministry."

Rutledge said that Christians need to widen their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

"We're not talking about mere humanitarianism," he

said. "We are talking about loving service to our fellowman in the name of Christ, because we are Christians and to honor him."

Relief from poverty, the mission executive said, is no

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RECORD ATTENDANCE AT BIBLE CONFERENCE

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Gulfshore Bible Conference director, takes a moment between sessions to show the new Gulfshore organ to three visiting conference program personalities. From left: Fon H. Scofield, Jr., Richmond, Va.; Dr. Quarles; Dr. Fred H. Hubbs, Detroit, Mich.; and Dr. W. C. Fields, Nashville, Tenn. (For additional pictures please turn the page).



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OFFICIALS caught by the raging floods in Fairbanks, Alaska, recently were evacuated to a refugee center at the Lathrop High School. Water was four feet deep in the lobby of the hotel where they were staying in Fairbanks to attend the Alaska Baptist Convention, which was canceled because of the flood. Waiting for the waters to subside are (left to right) Glendon McCullough, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Mrs. Porter Routh (back turned) of Nashville; E. H. Westmoreland, Houston pastor, and Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville. —(BP)—Photo by E. W. Hunke, Jr.



MORE THAN 9,000 residents of Fairbanks, Alaska, including about 2,000 school children, were evacuated to a refugee center at the Lathrop High School. In the background is the Calvary Baptist Church of Fairbanks. —(BP) Photo by E. W. Hunke, Jr.



BAPTISTS IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, set up a clothing center at the International Airport here to aid more than 4,000 refugees who fled to Anchorage following the tragic floods in Fairbanks, Alaska. The clothing will also be trucked to Fairbanks for distribution by Baptist churches there. —(BP) Photo.

Prayer Urged For Troubled Nigeria

By Antonina Canzoneri
Missionary to Nigeria

Undoubtedly you are aware of the fact that the Eastern Region of Nigeria broke away from the rest of the country and has now taken over the Midwestern area, also.

The Nigerian government has completely sealed off those two areas from the rest of Nigeria and from the rest of the world. No money can be sent in, no letters, no telegrams. Travel into the areas is sharply restricted.

All parts of Nigeria have relied on all other sections for various types of food. The Midwest is particularly unable to feed itself, as its economy is based on rubber and palm oil, both of which must be sold to other parts of the country or abroad. Much of its food came from the North and the West, from which it cannot now obtain supplies.

Pastors in the younger churches receive a part of their salary from the mission. When Rev. Ralph Davis left the East, he gave Rev. Nwosu, the pastor in Onitsha, just across the river from the Midwest, enough money to

pay the pastors until September.

Mr. Nwosu was to meet him

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Rev. Tom Douglas Loses Mother

Mrs. Bertha Douglas, mother of Rev. Tom Douglas, Assemblies Manager for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, died in Meridian on Monday morning, August 28.

Mrs. Douglas, who resided with her daughter, had been in declining health for some time, but apparently death came from a heart attack.

Mrs. Douglas is survived by her two children, Rev. Tom Douglas of Long Beach, and Mrs. F. O. Cornelius of Meridian; two grandchildren, Gale and Denny Douglas of Long Beach; and one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were held at the Webb Funeral Home in Meridian, on Tuesday afternoon, August 29 at 3:00 o'clock. Burial was at Cyril, Alabama.



SEVERAL STATE LEADERS take time to chat with Dr. Gordon Clinard, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas, featured evening speaker. From left: Dan C. Hall, music director; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, conference leader; Dr. Clinard, and Claude Townsend, state Convention president.

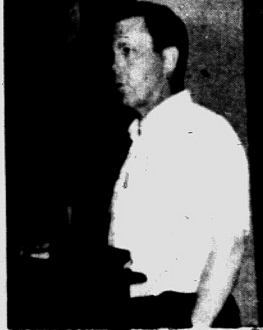


BRYANT CUMMINGS, Sunday School secretary, (standing), engages Rev. Tom Douglas, assemblies manager, in conference, as three Bible Conference leaders look on. Rev. John B. Daley, Marks, (left), Mrs. Daley, and Rev. Granyille Watson, Moorhead.

Seventh Annual Gulfshore Bible Conference In Word And Picture



The auditorium was well-filled for the morning and evening Bible hours.



DR. MALCOLM TOLBERT, professor of New Testament Interpretation at New Orleans Seminary, was the featured speaker at the morning services.



AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER of young people were present for the services in the auditorium.



MRS. DENNIS E. CONNIF, JR., (right) and Miss Janice Monroe, staffer, both attendants in the Children's Building, take group of boys and girls for a stroll.



DR. JOE H. TUTEN, Jackson, (center), who taught the Book of Micah, discusses the Book with two pastors, Rev. Wilburn Matthews, Greenwood, (left), and Rev. Raymond A. Wilson, Mendenhall.



RELAXATION BETWEEN SERVICES is always an enjoyable feature. Several are seen in Gulf Hall breezeway. From left: John Paschall, Mr. and Mrs. Carl White, all of Jackson.

FMB Names 22 Missionaries

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investigate the extent of need. At last word, only military transportation or communication (including 100 persons in various programs of short-term service).

The Board paused its business briefly to recognize the outstanding contribution to the life and work of Southern Baptist missionaries around the world made by Mrs. L. Howard Jenkins, who died one week before. (Dr. Jenkins was a member of the Board for 48 years and its president for 30.)

Nigerian Crisis Reviewed
Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, apprised the Board of the situation among Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria, where the federal government is fighting the secessionist movement of the Eastern Region. He spent eight days in Nigeria in July, while on a month's trip to West Africa.

All Southern Baptist missionaries were out of the Eastern Region, which calls itself the Republic of Biafra, when the conflict spread to the neighboring Midwestern Region on August 9.

"Within a few hours and with few shots fired, the Midwest was brought under the control of a military dictatorship friendly toward Biafra," Dr. Goerner said.

"Of the 132 Southern Baptist missionaries now in Nigeria, only about 12 are in the Midwest."

Dr. Goerner reported that four missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. William E. Lewis, Jr., and Rev. and Mrs. John R. Cheyne, are in Ethiopia and expect to have routine procedures for opening mission work completed by October.

Negotiations with government officials concerning the stationing of Southern Baptist missionaries in Botswana are proceeding satisfactorily. Rev. and Mrs. Marvin R. Reynolds, missionary appointees, hope to go there in January.

Middle East Work Recovering
Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, called the current crisis in the Middle East "the most serious since the formation of the state of Israel in 1948."

He said when war between the Arab countries and Israel became imminent the latter part of May there were 60 Southern Baptist missionaries (with 82 children) in the Middle East and North Africa. Now there are 67 missionaries in the area (including six waiting in Lebanon to go to Jordan). Eighty-nine are under assignment to that part of the world, and within the next few weeks several now in the United States will go to their places of service.

"Our Middle East missionary staff is making a rapid recovery, and so is Baptist work in that area," Dr. Hughey said.

Dr. Hughey reviewed the

Middle East crisis and the activities and movements of the missionaries from early June until the present.

"The outbreak of war and then the charges that the United States was helping Israel made the position of all U. S. citizens in Arab countries quite precarious," he said. "In Jordan, local officials and Baptist leaders assured the missionaries of their appreciation of them but advised that all except the missionary doctor, L. August Lovegren, leave the country."

"After waiting for six days for transportation they were evacuated to Tehran, Iran, where they remained for about a month. Some of these missionaries have returned to Jordan, and some are in Lebanon awaiting return. Some families are divided."

"The missionaries in Israel have not faced the problem of being regarded by the population as citizens of an enemy nation. All have remained at their posts. Some spent many hours in air-raid shelters; but in Israel, as in the Arab countries, not a single member of a missionary family was injured."

Dr. Hughey said all of the Gaza missionaries and children have been able to go back. The Gaza Strip is now under Israeli administration, and travel and correspondence are via Israel rather than via Egypt.

(All of the Gaza missionaries who were in Lebanon at

the outbreak of war on June 5, and all but three of the Lebanon missionaries, along with Dr. Hughey, were evacuated in a massive airlift from Beirut. The Lebanon missionaries were able to go back after about a week.)

A little four year old was asked if she knew what a caterpillar was.

"Of course I do. A caterpillar is an upholstered worm."

Her twin sister was asked if she knew what a waffle was.

"Of course I do. A waffle is a non-skid pancake."



State Mission Season of Prayer

Mississippi WMU

September 10-13, 1967

THEME: MAGNIFYING MISSIONS IN MISSISSIPPI

Plans are being made by WMU presidents and Prayer Chairman for observance. Information concerning needs and opportunities in our state will be set forth as the program material is presented. What we can do through service, prayer and gifts will be discussed with the hope that we will respond.

Those interested in help in these areas will be interested in securing information from the Christian Action Commission, Box 530. Jackson set forth in these leaflets:

You can Do something About Obscene Material
You can still do something about the Alcohol Problem
Judgment at the House of God
Bible Principles in Family Living.

Prayer Asked For Nigeria

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across the river at Asaba on the first of September to receive more. Now this plan will not be possible to carry out. So far as I know, the Midwest is not as accessible to the West as the East was to the Midwest.

The Nigerian Baptist Convention has one missionary couple in the Southern Ijaw area of the East and two missionary couples in the Ishan division of the Midwest. They receive their salaries from either Ibadan or Lagos, which are now cut off from them.

Schools are closed. The hospital in Joinkrama is without a doctor and has only a few supplies. Missionary doctor Bill Norman is trying very hard to get back in to Joinkrama. Eight missionaries are at Eku hospital and will stay as long as they can. They are fairly well supplied now, but cannot get any more supplies of any kind.

Prayer Needed

Christians in the East and Midwest cannot be reached by

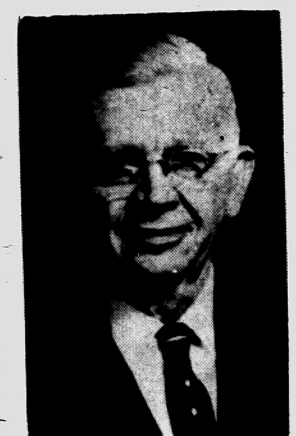
letters of encouragement or by monetary help. They can be reached by the Lord. I believe we can communicate with people through the Lord and by such contact help to sustain them. They are going to be hungry; many may be without homes as they are destroyed in the fighting; they are going to be lonely, without leadership from missionaries or from the Nigerian Baptist Convention leaders.

The churches will continue; evangelism will continue; what we have done there is in no way "lost." But our people there need our prayers as never before. Whether you know their names or not, whether you know their needs or not, the Lord knows.

We do not have to tell the Lord what to do when we pray, we just need to open the way by our petition to let Him pour out His blessing. Please, pray for Nigeria and especially for those who are fellow members of God's family—5839 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi.



Dr. E. R. Pinson



Dr. John F. Carter

'Let's Get Out' Of Vietnam Says Arkansas Baptist

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)—

Saying the United States has fulfilled its commitment in Vietnam, an editorial in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine here advocated pulling out of the Vietnam war.

The editorial charged that the Ky regime in South Vietnam has "no intention of permitting the people to have a fair and open election" and said that the present military dictatorship has discredited itself in its strong-handed manipulation of the elections.

"So we can thank Ky and Company," said the editorial, "for further opening the eyes of Congress and the American people to the utter rot of our continuing to pursue a war for liberation of a people so completely dominated by military junta as are the South Vietnamese."

The editorial pointed out that the number of American troops in Vietnam has risen from 20,000 when President Lyndon B. Johnson was elected on a promise not to widen the war, to more than 450,000 now with a call for more and more men.

"Any commitment we may have had in this fight has been met a thousand times over," said the editorial.

"There may have been a time when the big question for us was how to get out and save face. If that time ever was, it does not exist today. The question now is how can we save our soul if we stay in," said the editorial.

The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine is the first Baptist state paper to advocate pulling out of the war in Vietnam. Most other papers have generally endorsed the U. S. policy in Vietnam, or have taken no stand.

Editor Erwin L. McDonald said in the editorial he agreed with a recent New York Times editorial which questioned the wisdom of continuing the Vietnam escalation.

The Times editorial said: "Our quarrel is with the concept that expanding the scale

of warfare brings the United States closer to attainment of its war goals. Indeed, it becomes increasingly questionable that anyone in Washington is at all clear on what it is this country is seeking to achieve in Vietnam."

"Is it not time to recognize," continued the Times editorial, "that such large-scale infusion of military manpower merely mires the United States more irretrievably in a massive grand war on the Continent of Asia—a war in which there can be no victory and in which the steady growth in casualties and cost reduces the prospect of ever achieving a negotiated peace on terms that any government could accept without accomplishing its own downfall?"

McDonald agreed, but went beyond the Times position. He proposed that the United States request Premier Ky to submit his quarrel to the United Nations for arbitration. "If Ky will not listen to this, let's move out and let him have it," said the editorial.

Alaska - -

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tion was operative and evacuees were just beginning to return to homes through thick muck and slime.

Communication was eliminated immediately by the flood when the walls of the telephone exchange collapsed. One radio station that managed to stay on the air broadcasted the message that tickets were waiting at the airport for the families of Baptist pastors. E. W. Hunke Jr., executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention arranged this with the emergency funds brought by Adkins so that pastors could get their families out and turn their attention to their communities.

Hundreds of Baptists either were in Fairbanks for the state convention or heading that way at the time of the disaster, including denominational leaders such as McCullough, director of the Home Mission Board's personnel division, and Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention. Nine student summer missionaries also were in town and two of them were not accounted for until Friday, Aug. 18.

The Convention had been scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 14, at the First Baptist Church. The Chena River, however, which winds through the heart of the city of 30,000, began its quick, fatal rise the Sunday evening before.

Self love is a cup without any bottom.

The place should not honor the man, but the man the place.



Dr. James L. Travis

Deacon-Pastor - - -

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would feature inspiration, recreation, fellowship, and Bible study.

He added that deacons, pastors and superintendents of missions were urged to attend the retreat most convenient.

Total Ministry - - -

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guarantee a person will be relieved of spiritual poverty.

"Our efforts need to be directed toward helping men find him who will meet the deepest, deepest needs."

Baptists, because of their historic orientation to evangelism, too often have been afraid to go out and help the poor, less it contradict their evangelism concern, Rutledge said.

"We've been afraid to go to the underprivileged as if our choice was between loving deeds of kindness to those in need and evangelism," he said. "But actually, these are opposite sides of the same coin and we shall not be able to evangelize effectively unless we care for persons."

Rutledge said Baptists could not afford to be satisfied with full pews, big budgets and good annual reports—"What about the multitudes that never darken these doors?"

"We need to sympathize with people in their need, whatever their race, whatever their own responsibility for their plight, whatever their financial situation," he said. "If we care enough to show people we love them then they will come nearer listening when we point them to the Christ who has said that the greatest commandment is: 'Love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.'"

Paul Geren Elected Stetson President

DeLAND, Fla. (BP)—The board of trustees of Stetson University here has elected Paul F. Geren, a former Baptist educator and diplomat, as the new president of the Baptist school, effective Sept. 15.

Geren has most recently been counselor of economic affairs at the U. S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya. He will succeed J. Ollie Edmunds as president of Stetson, which has an enrollment of about 2,000 students. Edmunds is retiring.

Pastor-Church Relations Groups May Be Created

ATLANTA (BP)—The executive committee of the Atlanta Baptist Association grappled here with the problem of tensions between pastors and church members, voting after heated debate to recommend creation of two committees to deal with pastor-church relations.

The Atlanta Baptist Association will be asked in October to give final approval to creation of a Church-Related Vocations Liaison Committee, and to a Fellowship Committee.

The liaison committee would serve as a channel for communication between prospective pastors and church staff members and churches, providing information to each on a request basis.

The fellowship committee would "consider requests that involve alleged questionable conduct or doctrine on the part of pastors, other staff ministers or the church."

It also would "handle matters involving fellowship between churches and or questions of fellowship between the association and a church, or any denominational body involving the Atlanta Baptist Association."

Both proposals were hotly debated within the executive committee. The liaison committee was approved by a 16-9 vote, and the fellowship committee by a 14-8 vote.

John J. Buell, pastor of White Oak Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, made the motions calling for both committees and was chief spokesman for their adoption.

Supporters of the proposals were primarily concerned with getting to the truth when church staff members are accused of various moral fail-

ures. "Baptists need some sort of recourse for pastors who are falsely accused and whose reputation is ruined," said one committee member. "Too much, our Baptist pastors are at the mercy of one congregation."

"We need to protect churches, pastors and staff members from improper ethics and conduct by those who down-grade the church and God's calling in Christ," said another. "There is too much religious hypocrisy in this area."

An editorial in The Christian Index, official publication of the Georgia Baptist Convention, commended the association executive committee for "being willing to face a tough problem."

"No more vital question faces Georgia Baptists today than pastor-church relationships," wrote Christian Index Editor Jack U. Harwell. "Every active layman, every pastor and every denominational employee could relate dozens of heart-breaking testimonies about church splits, pastor firings, false accusations and bitter tensions that cause inestimable damage to the cause of Christ."

The editorial said the problem is acute, not only in Atlanta, but throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. "Some of our seasoned counselors indicate it is reaching crisis proportions."

The editorial did not endorse the Atlanta association's proposed committee approach, however. "We haven't heard enough of the details as to how the committee would actually function to know that this procedure is the answer," said the editorial.



BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE leaders conferring at the Nashville, Tenn., meeting of the BWA Executive Committee and Study Commissions are H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville; Herschell H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, Ala.; Josef Nordenhaug, Washington, D. C.; BWA general secretary; and William R. Tolbert, Monrovia, Liberia, vice president of the Republic of Liberia and president of the BWA. (BP) Photo

SS Status Of Ministers May Be Changed

By Beth Hayworth

WASHINGTON (BP)—The House of Representatives has passed a bill that would reverse the Social Security status of ministers.

The new bill would make coverage automatic for all ministers as self-employed persons unless the minister objects on grounds of conscience.

The new provision, a part of a revamped Social Security program, now goes to the Senate where committee hearings begin Aug. 22.

Under the present Social Security law, clergymen are exempt unless they irrevocably choose to participate. The

new proposal would make coverage automatic unless the minister chooses not to participate on grounds of conscience.

For ministers not presently covered by the program and for those persons ordained or employed as ministers in the future, there would be a two-year period in which they could apply for exemption.

The new bill states that the application for exemption would be allowed only if "he is conscientiously opposed to the acceptance of any public insurance which makes payments toward the cost of, or provides services for, medical care."

The proposed bill appears to meet the requirements of resolutions passed over a decade ago by both the Southern and the American Baptist Conventions.

In 1954, a Southern Baptist Convention resolution asked that any Social Security coverage be "a contract between

the federal government and the individual, without, in any sense involving the churches."

A resolution passed by the American Baptist Convention in 1953 asked that Social Security legislation allow a clergyman exemption on grounds of conscience.

When this bill was introduced in Congress earlier this year by Rep. George M. Rhodes (D., Pa.), the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs issued a report in which they said that the bill should not be opposed for any reasons related to religious liberty or church-state relations when compared to the present Social Security program.

Since the proposal leaves the minister in the self-employed status, the Baptist Joint Committee staff report continued, the suggested change does not directly affect churches or church agencies.



Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, tapes one of the 20-second television spots that are seen each Saturday night midway of the high-ranking and popular Gunsmoke program on Jackson station WJTV. The spot, which costs \$68.00, is paid for by a layman in the Ridgecrest church who "believes that churches will have to give more attention to an instant gospel over T.V." The spot features a gospel truth usually closing with an invitation to the church services.

Arkansas Special Committee Report Advises Wait On Junior College

LITTLE ROCK (BP)—The Arkansas Baptist Convention Executive Board heard a report Aug. 22 recommending the convention wait a year to study acceptance of a junior college.

The convention will receive the report at its annual session in November.

The chairman of the special committee, Mason Craig, presented the report as a matter of information to the Executive Board at its regular meeting. Craig, pastor of First Baptist Church of McGhee, said the committee feels the convention should accept the college but wait a year to study the results of the Baptist Education Study Task. He said the matter of financing should also be examined.

Southern Baptist College,

located in Walnut Ridge, wishes to become an institution of the convention. It seeks to be brought under the same board of trustees that now serves Ouachita Baptist University as a senior educational institution.

Southern Baptist College was established in 1941 by H. E. Williams, its president. It has an enrollment of about 800 and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The independent Baptist college has received budget allocations from the Arkansas state convention for a number of years. Under the proposed budget for 1968 it will receive \$51,460 for operating expenses and \$38,736 for capital needs.

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Baptists' only senior college, will receive \$363,703 for operating and \$100,000 for capital needs under next year's budget.

Miss Robinson To Speak At BMC Opening

Formal opening exercises at Blue Mountain College will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium on Thursday, September 14.

Guest speaker for the opening of Blue Mountain's 95th session will be Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi. Miss Robinson holds the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees from Blue Mountain College, and is a graduate of the WMU Training School, now combined with Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

She is a native of Magee, the daughter of a Blue Mountain College alumna, and formerly served as Young People's Secretary of the Mississippi WMU. She became executive secretary in 1944. She has served 34 years in state Baptist work, directing, counseling, lecturing, teaching, and traveling hundreds of miles, annually to promote missionary projects.

The public is invited to attend Blue Mountain's opening exercises, which will be presided over by President E. Harold Fisher.



Miss Edwina Robinson



Dr. Bob Marsh

1st, Laurel Calls Pastor

First Church, Laurel, has called as pastor Dr. Bob Marsh of First Church, Andalusia, Alabama, effective September 1.

Native of Jackson, he graduated from Baylor University, and from New Orleans Seminary with Th.D. degree from the latter.

In 1965, he received the George Washington Medal from Freedom Foundation for the sermon, "Foundations of Freedom," and was voted "Man of the Year" in Andalusia.

He was formerly pastor of First Church, Florence; Spring Hill Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, for seven years; First Church, Andalusia, for the past four and one-half years. Sunday School average there has reached 620 and Training Union average 245. The Youth program of this church has been a noted feature. There are 90 teen-agers enrolled in the Youth Choir.

He is married to the former Myra Toler of Jackson. One son, Charles Robert, Jr., is nine. Marsh has been guest speaker at various state conventions, evangelistic conferences, and youth conventions, and has served twice on the faculty at Ridgecrest as Bible teacher. On a mission tour of South America he spoke at many mission points. Recently he was featured speaker at the California Pastors' Conference in Santa Cruz.

Proposed Calendar Of Activities For 1968

(This listing is correct as of the present. Other dates will be added by the various departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as the time and place for the meetings are confirmed.)

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| <p>JANUARY</p> <p>1-5-January Bible Study</p> <p>8-Alcohol Education Clinic, Lauderdale Assoc. (Christian Action Commission)</p> <p>9-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>14-Southern Baptist Sunday and Day of Prayer</p> <p>16-(WMU) Associational Missionaries Meeting, Camp Garaywa</p> <p>28-Baptist Men's Day</p> <p>28-31-Family Life Conference, First Church, Waynesboro (Christian Action Commission)</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>1-District Piano Playing, Song Leading and Vocal Festivals</p> <p>5-7-Evangelistic Conference, Gulfshore</p> <p>6-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>18-Sunday School Area Pastor-Superintendent Meetings, Booneville, Oxford, Senatobia, Marks</p> <p>20-Sunday School Area Pastor-Superintendent Meetings, Columbus, Kosciusko, Grenada, Indianola</p> <p>21-Sunday School Area Pastor-Superintendent Meetings, Meridian, Forest, Jackson, Vicksburg</p> <p>22-Sunday School Area Pastor-Superintendent Meetings, Waynesboro, Hattiesburg, Monticello, Natchez</p> <p>22-24-Religious Education Association Meeting</p> <p>23-Sunday School Area Pastor-Superintendent Meetings, Lucedale, Ocean Springs, Wiggins, Liberty</p> <p>24-March 1-(SS) Director-Led Enlargement Campaign, Hinds</p> <p>26-T. U. Intermediate Workshop, First Church, Ruleville</p> <p>27-T. U. Intermediate Workshop, First Church, Batesville</p> <p>29-T. U. Intermediate Workshop, Hattiesburg Church, Tupelo</p> <p>29-Associational WMU Officers Clinic, Garaywa</p> <p>MARCH</p> <p>1-T. U. Intermediate Workshop, First Church, Starkville</p> <p>1-2-State Youth Music Tournament and Workshop, Clarke College</p> <p>1-Area Man and Boy Rally, Highland Baptist Church, Laurel</p> <p>3-Home Mission Week of Prayer</p> <p>6-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>6-10-YWA Houseparty, Gulfshore</p> <p>6-Area Man and Boy Rally, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven</p> <p>9-State Youth Choral Festival - Clinic, William Carey College and Clarke College</p> <p>10-Home Missions Day in Sunday School</p> <p>10-17-Youth Union</p> <p>11-12-Sunday School General Officers Regional Meeting, Jackson</p> <p>14-Intermediate GA Queens' Court</p> <p>15-Area Man and Boy Rally, First Baptist Church, Greenwood</p> <p>16-State Youth Choral Festival</p> <p>16-Associational Youth Night</p> <p>18-20-Sunday School Convention, First Baptist Church, Meridian</p> <p>21-Educational Directors Meeting (WMU), Calvary, Jackson</p> <p>22-Area Man and Boy Rally, East Heights Baptist Church, Tupelo</p> <p>23-State Youth Choral Festival - Clinic, Miss. College & Blue Mt. College</p> <p>26-27-WMU Convention, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson</p> <p>28-29-Cooperative Program Leaders' Retreat-Garaywa</p> <p>29-30-TU Adult Learning Lab, Camp Garaywa, Clinton</p> <p>29-31-YWA Houseparty, Wall Doney State Park, Holly Springs</p> <p>APRIL</p> <p>1-5-Associational WMU Meetings</p> <p>5-6-Training Union Adult Learning Lab, Kosciusko</p> <p>6-Young Men's Christian Life Conference (Brotherhood), Temple, Hattiesburg</p> <p>8-State Junior Choral Festival, Coliseum, Jackson</p> <p>8-12-Associational WMU Meetings</p> <p>9-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>12-Young Men's Christian Life Conference (Brotherhood), Calvary, Jackson</p> <p>15-Alcohol Education Clinic, Southwest Pastors' Conference (Christian Action Commission)</p> <p>15-19-Associational WMU Meetings</p> <p>19-21-Student Union Leadership Training Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly</p> <p>22-24-Church Member Training Week</p> <p>22-28-Pastor-Missionary Retreat, Garaywa</p> <p>28-May 1-Quit Coast Family Life Conference, Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport (Christian Action Commission)</p> <p>30-Church Building Conference, Greenwood</p> <p>MAY</p> <p>2-Church Building Conference, Long Beach</p> <p>2-Training Union State Finals: Intermediate Sword Drill & Junior Memory Work Drill, Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian</p> <p>3-Training Union State Finals: Intermediate Sword Drill & Junior Memory Work Drill, Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg</p> <p>3-4-Brotherhood Retreat, Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg</p> <p>4-Training Union State Finals: Intermediate Sword</p> | <p>Drill & Junior Memory Work Drill, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson</p> <p>5-12-Christian Home Week</p> <p>6-WMU Special Day</p> <p>6-Training Union State Finals: Intermediate Sword Drill & Junior Memory Work Drill, First, Amory</p> <p>7-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>7-Training Union State Finals: Intermediate Sword Drill & Junior Memory Work Drill, First, Batesville</p> <p>8-Training Union State Finals: Intermediate Sword Drill & Junior Memory Work Drill, First, Indianola</p> <p>10-11-Brotherhood Retreat, Hugh White State Park, Grenada</p> <p>11-Training Union Intermediate Sword Drill Selection Tournament, Ridgecrest, Jackson</p> <p>13-Cooperative Missions Church Administration Conference (area), Calvary, Tupelo</p> <p>14-Cooperative Missions Church Administration Conference (area), North Greenwood, Greenwood</p> <p>16-Cooperative Missions Church Administration Conference (area), First, Biloxi</p> <p>17-Cooperative Missions Church Administration Conference (area), First, Ellisville</p> <p>JUNE</p> <p>4-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>6-12-Training Union Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>6-12-T.U. Youth Conference, Golieta</p> <p>6-12-Writers' Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>6-12-Holy Brotherhood Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>10-11-Southern Baptist Religious Education Association Mtg., New Orleans, La.</p> <p>10-11-SBC Music Conference, New Orleans, La.</p> <p>10-11-WMU Annual Meeting, New Orleans, La.</p> <p>10-15-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>10-15-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>11-14-Southern Baptist Convention, New Orleans, La.</p> <p>13-19-Training Union Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>13-19-T.U. Youth Conference, Golieta</p> <p>13-19-S. S. Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>17-21-Kinderberg Workshop, Mississippi College (MC and Sunday School)</p> <p>17-22-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>17-22-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>17-22-First Youth Music Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>20-26-Training Union Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>20-26-T. U. Youth Conference, Golieta</p> <p>20-26-WYA Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>24-25-Sunday School Assembly, Gulfshore</p> <p>24-29-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>24-29-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>27-28-Sunday School Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>27-28-1-Music Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>27-28-2-Music Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>JULY</p> <p>1-4-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>1-6-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>1-6-First Junior Music Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>4-10-Training Union Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>4-10-T.U. Youth Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>4-10-Sunday School Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>4-10-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>4-10-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>8-13-Second Youth Music Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>8-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>11-17-Music Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>11-17-Training Union Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>11-17-T.U. Youth Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>15-19-Seventh Annual Pastors' Conference, New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La.</p> <p>15-20-First Youth Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>15-20-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>15-20-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>18-24-WMU Conference, Golieta</p> <p>18-24-Sunday School Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>22-27-Second Youth Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>22-27-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>22-27-RA Camp, Kiltiwake</p> <p>22-27-Music Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>23-31-Sunday School Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>29-August 1-Chinese Retreat, Leroy Percy State Park, Hattiesburg</p> <p>29-August 2-Training Union Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>29-August 3-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>29-August 4-Training Union Association officers' Briefing Meeting, Gulfshore</p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>1-3-Mexican Retreat, Leroy Percy State Park, Hattiesburg</p> <p>1-7-Home Missions Conference, Golieta</p> <p>1-7-Writers' Conference, Golieta</p> <p>1-7-Foreign Missions Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>5-8-Bible Conference, Gulfshore</p> <p>5-8-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>6-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>8-14-Bible Conference, Golieta</p> <p>8-14-WMU Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>8-14-Church Library Conference, Golieta</p> <p>8-14-Church Recreation Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> | <p>8-14-Church and Denominational Statistics & History Conference, Golieta</p> <p>8-14-Church Buildings and Architectural Conference, Golieta</p> <p>8-14-Christian Life Conference, Golieta</p> <p>12-17-GA Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>12-17-Laymen & Leaders Music Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>12-17-Second Junior Music Week, Gulfshore</p> <p>13-15-National RA Congress, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</p> <p>15-21-Foreign Missions Conference, Golieta</p> <p>15-21-Home Missions Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>18-25-Music Expansion Week</p> <p>21-26-WMU Camp, Garaywa</p> <p>22-26-Student Conference, Golieta</p> <p>22-26-Bible Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>22-26-Church Library Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>22-26-Church Recreation Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>22-26-Church Denominational Statistics & History Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>22-26-Church Buildings and Architecture Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>22-26-Christian Life Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>30-Sept. 2-Single Adult Conference, Golieta</p> <p>30-Sept. 2-Single Adult Conference, Ridgecrest</p> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>2-3-Pastor-Deacon Retreat, Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg</p> <p>5-6-Pastor-Deacon Retreat, Holmes State Park, Durant</p> <p>9-12-Pastor-Deacon Retreat, Wall Doney State Park, Hattiesburg</p> <p>12-Crusade of the Americas Rally, Jackson</p> <p>14-15-World Missions Conference, Camp Garaywa</p> <p>15-16-State Missions Season of Prayer</p> <p>16-Area Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, First, Crystal Springs</p> <p>17-Area Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, First, Purvis</p> <p>23-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>23-24-Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting</p> <p>23-24-WMU District 4, Leadership Course, Columbus</p> <p>23-27-Sunday School Leadership Conference, Golieta</p> <p>23-27-Training Union Leadership Clinics for Associational Officers</p> <p>23-Hattiesburg</p> <p>24-Columbia</p> <p>26-Biloxi</p> <p>26-27-WMU District 9, Leadership Course, Jackson</p> <p>30-October 1-WMU Leadership Course, District 1, Wiggins</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>3-4-WMU Leadership Course, District 2, Laurel</p> <p>7-Area Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, First, Newton</p> <p>7-8-WMU Leadership Course, District 10, McComb</p> <p>8-Area Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, North Greenwood Church, Greenwood</p> <p>10-Area Brotherhood Leadership Training Conference, First, Pontotoc</p> <p>10-11-WMU Leadership Course, District 11, Monticello</p> <p>14-16-State Elementary Workers Convention (Sponsored by Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, & Muskegon)</p> <p>21-22-Adult Growth Clinic, Jackson (Sunday School)</p> <p>21-22-WMU Leadership Course, District 3, Newton</p> <p>24-25-Adult Growth Clinic, Tupelo (Sunday School)</p> <p>24-25-WMU Leadership Course, District 8, Winona</p> <p>26-Southeast Area Associational Leadership Meeting, First, Beaumont-CM</p> <p>29-Southeast Area Associational Leadership Meeting, First, Macon-CM</p> <p>30-East Central Area Associational Leadership Meeting, First, New Albany-CM</p> <p>31-November 1-WMU Leadership Course, District 7, Indianola</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>1-Northwest Area Associational Leadership Meeting, First, Greenwood-CM</p> <p>4-5-WMU Leadership Course, District 6, Batesville</p> <p>4-5-WMU Leadership Course, District 5, Tupelo</p> <p>11-Baptist Men's Conference, Jackson</p> <p>11-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>14-Pre-Convention Board Meeting</p> <p>14-Mississippi Baptist Convention</p> <p>14-Youth Night, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Coliseum, Jackson</p> <p>18-20-Training Clinics (Chairmen of Evangelism and Superintendents of Missions)-Evangelism</p> <p>18-Mississippi "M" Night</p> <p>23-24-Baptist Student Convention</p> <p>24-Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting</p> <p>26-Executive Committee-MBCB</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>1-8-Foreign Missions Week of Prayer</p> <p>3-Alternate "M" Night</p> <p>3-Mississippi Orientation Fellowship Meeting, Garaywa</p> <p>18-Convention-wide Carol Sing</p> <p>30-31-State Training Union Leadership and Youth Conventions, First, Jackson</p> |
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Ecumenical Proposals

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will, in its September meeting, deal with a motion referred to it by the Miami Beach convention, suggesting that the SBC give consideration to some of the ecumenical proposals which were made at the convention and its auxiliary meetings.

These were not suggestions that Southern Baptists consider relationships with the major ecumenical movements such as the National Council, the World Council or COCU (Consultation on Church Union). Southern Baptists have, on numerous occasions, made it very clear that they have no intention of entering into any relations with any of these groups.

This proposal, however, is that ways be sought for working closer with other evangelicals in evangelism and other Christian witness. The motion which was referred to the Executive Committee specifically states that "organic union" is not to be considered.

Throughout their history Southern Baptists have majored on evangelism and missions. It has been this passion to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to win people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, that has been the key to their growth and expansion. They have accepted the authority of the Bible as the Word of God, and have preached its message

of redemption to lost men. All of their programs have centered around this central purpose.

Southern Baptists, however, are not the only Christians preaching this gospel. Even though some groups now follow the theology of liberalism and have abandoned belief in the authority of the Word of God, and the preaching of redemption through the blood of Christ, there still are great numbers of evangelicals who preach this gospel even as do most Southern Baptists. Many of us know some of these evangelicals and their leaders, and admire their concern for souls, and zeal for carrying the message of redemption through Jesus Christ to lost men everywhere.

It is a belief that Southern Baptists must find better ways of working along side these evangelicals, that has prompted the suggestions which were made at Miami Beach. Many of our constituency believe that cooperative evangelism such as that used by Billy Graham needs to be greatly enlarged today. This was the purpose of the Berlin Congress on Evangelism last year.

As the Executive Committee considers this, it will be well for it to remember that most Southern Baptists are not the least bit interested in organic relationships with other groups. Most of them believe that the local New Testament church must remain at the very center of any new advance in evangelism or missionary witness. Furthermore, most Baptists are not interested in any relationship with others which would in any way weaken their stand on the authority of the Bible, or de-emphasize its doctrines. If these principles can be maintained, and at the same time ways can be found for a strengthened united witness in reaching lost men, then we think the convention will be interested. If not, then the whole matter may as well be forgotten.

More Long Week-Ends

It appears now that Congress may soon enact legislation setting several national holidays on Mondays. Proposals have been made by business groups that this be done to allow more long week-ends, and to prevent the disruption of business which comes when holidays fall in the middle of the week. It is clear that no consideration is being given to the fact that, to Christians, Sunday is the Lord's day, and that the work of the churches centers on that day. Any legislation which sets more long week-ends, most certainly will effect the churches to some extent.

Protests concerning these proposals have been made by some church groups, but there has been no general mass action against it. The reason probably is two-fold. First, there has not been very much publicity in the religious press concerning it, and, second, many Christians are not sure just how much they should become involved in legislation which especially favors the churches. It is not too late for protests to Congressmen and Senators to be made, for the legislation still is pending. If you want to protest, the time to do so is now.

However, the major response of the churches may need to be to give such emphasis to church loyalty and participation in church programs, that members will not take off for a special vacation every time a long week-end comes. The church is doing its work in a world that is becoming more and more secular, and the time is approaching when firmness of Christian conviction will determine Christian action.

Of course, there are many of us, who also are sentimental enough to believe that holidays such as Independence Day and Thanksgiving should come on their proper dates, but in this modern day secular and commercial interests seem to be more important than either sentiment or religious interest.



For the first time since 1957, U. S. motion picture theaters will take in over \$1 billion in a single year. That is the prediction offered by Jack Valenti in his first annual report as president of the Motion Picture Association of America. Reports indicate gains on almost every front — box office take, theater construction, film rentals, television payoff, revenues. (Variety, July 19)

The population bomb keeps ticking. And the fuse is short. According to recent United Nations' estimates world population is now growing by 8,000 persons every hour, 70 million people each year... today, at least one-half and perhaps two-thirds of the human race is not sufficiently fed... if current population growth trends continue, no nation, Communist or Capitalist, can serve adequately as the breadbasket of the world. A doubling of human numbers in the short span of 35 or 40 years is likely to mean a reversal of human progress. (Home Missions, August, 1967)

Mentally retarded persons in the U. S. are increasing with each given year. In 1959, it was estimated that out of a population of 164,000,000 some 5,000,000 were retarded. In 1960, out of a population of 179,000,000 persons, 5.4 million were considered mentally retarded. In 1970, out of a population of 214,000,000, it is estimated that 6.4 million will be mentally handicapped. Approximately 126,000 infants are born annually who are or will become mentally retarded. (Concern, May - August, 1967)

"I believe more profoundly in the church every hour that I live. A man can make his testimony go further through the church than through any independent movements. He can make his money go further. He can do more constructive work, than any other way in the world. I have watched all kinds of independent movements these forty-two years and my conviction steadily deepens that a Christian man is doing the wisest thing possible when he links his life with the church."—George W. Truett

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

September 4 — R. A. Tullios, supt. of missions, Simpson County; W. P. Blair, supt of missions, Smith County.

September 5 — Hattie Mae Kuykendall, Baptist Book Store; Jimmy Lampkin, Baptist Book Store.

September 6 — Mrs. Ethel Moore, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Bessie Herrington, Children's Village.

September 7 — Bennie T. Warren, Baptist student director, Perkinson Junior College; Betty Jane Frew, Baptist student director, Hinds Junior College.

September 8 — Leon Emery, Baptist headquarters; Miss Grace Lovelace, Baptist Building.

September 9 — Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, Dean of Women, Clarke College; Miss Mary Dean Hollis, staff, Blue Mountain College.

September 10 — Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sellers, faculty, Carey College; Mrs. Dorothy Brown, secretary-registrar, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

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GETTING OFF THE HOOK

By: Dr. W. Morris Ford

A friend of mine came to see me in my office one day. As we sat and talked, he fumbled in his shirt pocket and grinned as he offered me a Life Saver mint. He told me what a battle he had had giving up tobacco. In order to quiet his nerves and to satisfy the ever-reaching fingers in the shirt pocket, he started using Life Savers. He said with a chuckle, "Now I'm hooked on Life Savers."

Hooked! It is a common expression, arresting and vivid. One's mind runs to the lake, the river, the sea, the trout stream, the fishing. The angler has waded as far as he dares to the spot within reach of the place most likely to shelter waiting, feeding trout. He quarters his cast upstream and lays out his line with easy grace. The current engulfs the wet fly, moves it around a boulder; then there is a slight tug. Not a whirling splash; not a singing run; just a pull like the fly had touched some moss.

But the alert fisherman, almost at the same split second, snaps his wrist enough to set the hook. Then comes the whirl, the run, the leap—the trout is hooked. He has a fighting chance. But most likely he is hooked for good, and will soon be brought to net and, later, the skillet.

I shudder when I think of the drinker, hooked on alcohol; the drug addict, hooked on barbituates; the smoker, hooked on tobacco; the daredevil kid, hooked on LSD. I shudder because, as an ardent fisherman, I know what happens when the skilled angler hooks his fish.

And don't think the drinker, the smoker, the drug user is any less captive. Oh, yes, he has a fighting chance, but he is up against a veteran, an experienced Satanic, vicious killer of hopes and dreams.

Two words of advice come to mind, almost too simple to express. First, don't be a fool! Have more sense than a fish. Don't take that first one. The hook is always there. The excitement, the kicks, the self-assertion, the grown-up feeling, all may be there; but don't forget the hook. It is always there!

Second, the same Lord who can give you the grace, common sense, wisdom to leave those lures alone, is able to set you free. The Saviour who conquered sin and death is able to take out that clinging, barbed hook. He may choose to use doctors, counselors, friends to work his will, but he is the One who is able to set us free from bondage.

As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every moment of time.

If you would be good, first believe you are bad.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.



Current Issues In Baptist Life



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ONCE SAVED—ALWAYS SAVED?

Baptists have long been known for their "once saved, always saved" doctrine. It has been a source of contention and conflict with other Christians, and it has therefore hardened into a defensive and rigid interpretation which is very dangerous. It is a rare Baptist who has not at some time tried to defend this teaching, but it is also a rare Baptist who really understands it.

To many people, the phrase "once saved" means — once you have walked down the aisle and made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The whole process of salvation is mistakenly concentrated on that one point, and the heaven-bound Christian presumably coasts the rest of the way.

Nothing could be a more serious distortion of the biblical teaching about salvation. Salvation, in biblical thought, is a journey. It has a beginning, a process, and an end. It is often described in the language of the exodus, the wilderness wanderings (where most fell by the way-side), and the entry into the promised land. Salvation is described as past, present, and future: "For by grace you have been saved..." (Eph. 2:8); "Keep on working out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for God is working in you..." (Philipp. 2:12, 13 literal translation); "Who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:5); and "Now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

Obviously, from one point of view, salvation can be described as a finished work—the debt has been paid, the new birth has taken place, one

has become a new creature, the believer has passed out of death into life, and he shall never perish. All this is plainly taught in the Bible, and it is the glorious doctrine of assurance. It emphasizes the great truth that salvation is a miracle of God's grace and not the result of human works, however good and noble they may be.

On the other hand, genuine salvation will always express itself in good works: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..." (Eph. 2:10). Jesus plainly taught that not everyone who called him "Lord, Lord" was really his disciple, but rather by their fruits would you know them. In other words, you may confess Jesus as Lord without being one of his; and, unless your life is bearing Christian fruit you do not belong to him no matter how many times you have walked down the aisle!

In biblical thought, salvation is completed only when the Lord comes and the believer is given his resurrection body (Romans 8:22, 23). Thus, the words "once saved" cannot be limited to the moment of the confession of faith—they must include the fruit-bearing and the final glorious victory of the resurrection. How then can anyone speak of being saved already? How can anyone have assurance of eternal salvation? How can one know that he has truly passed out of death into eternal life?

The answer is — only by faith in God! This is the only way one can be "born again" in the first place, by faith in the redeeming power of God through Jesus Christ. How can one be sure that he will go on bearing fruit as a Christian? Again, the answer is — only

STRENGTH FROM SHADOWS by R. Earl Allen (Broadman, 112 pp., \$2.50)

One of Southern Baptist outstanding pastors and most prolific writers presents a series of sermons based upon the shadows which come into Christian lives. He discusses such things as failure, sin, relaxation, success, anxiety, suffering, sorrow, and other themes. The sermons are clearly outlined and the applications are apt.

YOUR INFLUENCE IS SHOWING by Leslie B. Flynn (Broadman, 127 pp., \$2.50)

Every person has an influence. All of us are forming characters for eternity, ours and others. Here is pointed chapters the author brings the reader face to face with the responsibility which is his for what his life is doing to others. The book is rich in illustration, for every page has one or more stories to illustrate the point the author is making. The chapter titles are intriguing. This book will be carefully read and referred to often.

WHY CHRISTIANS CRACK UP by Marion H. Nelson (Moody, 192 pp., \$3.95)

Many Christians develop emotional or mental disorders. Often loosely referred to as nervousness. Why does this happen? An outstanding Christian psychiatrist discusses the whole issue, considering such things and heredity, physical problems, psychological causes, and spiritual causes of nervous tension. He also considers Christian immaturity, and the means of reaching spiritual maturity. This most helpful book should be of great value to pastors and other counsellors as well as to individual Christians.

JUNGLE FIRE by Bruce Porterfield (Zondervan, 146 pp., \$2.50)

A veteran missionary uses the vehicle of a novel to answer the many questions people ask about missionary life. His experiences in contacting cannibal tribes in Bolivia form the backdrop of the fascinating story.

by faith in the power of God who is working within us to will and to do his good pleasure (Philipp. 2:13). How can one know that he will complete the journey and "receive the end of his faith" even the "salvation of his soul" (1 Pet. 1:9)? Again, the answer is only by faith in God "who began a good work in you" and "will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philipp. 1:6).

So, once saved—always saved really means in New Testament language—we are saved by grace through faith all the way from the beginning to the end. It is not my "holding out" but God's power working in me through faith which is the ground of my assurance. Praise his holy Name!

THE CROSSES AT ZARIN by Jean Bell Mosley (Broadman, 256 pp., \$4.50)

At the brook Zarin, the Roman soldiers had seized twelve Zealots and executed them on makeshift crosses. Mysteriously, the crosses were torn down, but by whom? Mystery, love, adventure, religious fervor, are woven into this book by a master storyteller. It is the story of Zebedee and of his wife, Salome, who is pictured as the sister of Mary, mother of Jesus. (Salome is weaving a tapestry that recounts the history of the Hebrew people.) The love story is that of Jonah, an orphan who becomes like a son to Zebedee, and Labanah, daughter of a blind shepherd whom Jesus heals. Told during the few short years from the coming of John the Baptist to the resurrection of Jesus, this is religious fiction at its best. (Forty thousand copies were sold before the publication date.)

INTRODUCING THE OLD TESTAMENT by L. A. T. Van Dooren (Zondervan, 192 pp., \$4.95)

Provides a comprehensive introduction to each book of the Old Testament. Gives such details as possible date of writing, author (if known), to or for whom book was written, theme or emphasis of book, brief outline of each book, key verse, summary of contents and scope of book, list of sourcebooks for further study.

THE PROPHETS IN OUTLINE by Roy Clark Maddux (Baker, 110 pp., \$1.95)

These outlines of the Old Testament books of prophecy were prepared by an experienced Bible teacher who teaches in the Department of English at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

YESTERDAY'S VOICES FOR TODAY'S WORLD by Fred M. Wood (Broadman, 150 pp., \$1.50)

Prophets of the past speak to the problems of the present. Full of apt illustrations, and relevant to our day, this book is excellent for devotional or background reading. The author is pastor of Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis.

SPECIAL DAY SERMONS by Henry A. Parker (Golden Rule Press, 151 pp., paperback, \$1.50)

These sermons were preached in First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida, by the pastor, Dr. Henry A. Parker. Dr. Parker is much in demand as special speaker at conventions, colleges, and seminaries.

CHRISTIAN PRIMER by Louis Cassels (Doubleday, 108 pp., paperback, \$1.45)

Adult answers to basic questions about the Christian faith. Says Billy Graham: "... a distinct service in making theological truth simple for the average layman..."

NEVER LOSE HEART by Max Merritt Morrison (Doubleday, paperback, \$1.45, 143 pp.)

A book about the faith that conquers fear, loneliness, and personal weakness. Written for everyday life, rich in illustrative material.

PEACE WITH GOD by Billy Graham (Doubleday, 222 pp., paperback, \$1.95)

In this reprint of a popular book, Billy Graham states his credo on finding peace with God through Christ.

THE CREATIVE ADVANCE by Eugene H. Peters (Bethany Press, paperback, 151 pp., \$2.45)

An introduction to process philosophy as a context for Christian faith.



Recreation Revival Nets Nine Adds

IRONDALE, Ala. (BP) — Having fun may not be considered an evangelistic ministry of the church, but First Baptist Church of Irondale, Ala., successfully proved otherwise.

"We are never to change the message of the gospel," said George B. Slater, pastor of the church, "but we are at liberty, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to change the methods and to use new methods of proclaiming the good news."

The "new method" used by the church was simply having fun, organized into a recreation revival. The results were nine additions to the church and 42 other Christian commitments.

The idea for the revival originated when one of the church's 1,000 members attended a district church recreation clinic. The clinic was sponsored by the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The plan for a series of meetings presenting the gospel through drama and recreation was put before the church staff and they adopted it.

Cecil McGee, church recreation consultant at the Sunday School Board, led the effort.

The title "Revival and Recreation Retreat" was given the effort because the meetings took the place of the annual youth retreat.

Slater said much of the success of the week came because all church members took part.

"Juniors made puppets . . . young people were used to present gospel in drama, testi-

monies and songs, and adults were used to proclaim the word in drama," he said.

"In some services McGee used the time honored method of preaching," he added. Whether the service was one of drama or testimony, the pastor said, individuals were asked to commit their all to Christ.

"One complete service in the revival was conducted in the dining room. Members were asked to bring prospects and enough food for the prospects they brought. This was an effective service which magnified the Lord and his church," the pastor said.

Fellowships followed all services, one featuring a cake baking contest between the deacons and male members of the church staff.

Slater said the revival was one of the most effective he'd witnessed in over 30 years in the ministry. He said it left the church "more like the early church described in Acts than any revival we have ever had."

Bob Boyd, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church recreation department, said the week may be the first of its kind.

"While recreation has been used to help revival efforts, this is the first time a church has given an entire week to communicating the gospel through recreation activities," Boyd said.

Perhaps the best testimony was given by Slater when he said the week "impressed our church with the fact that Christians can have real fun in a clean, decent and Christian way."



WILDERNESS HIGHWAY: There are no highways or roads between Kobuk and Shungnak, the two northwest Alaskan villages served for two years by US-2 volunteers Norman and Gunita Harrell. In the summertime, they shifted their belongings from one mission to the other by boat, as shown. In the winter they traveled either by dog team or by a snow machine that pulls a sled.—(Photos by Don Rutledge, HMB).



OLDEST MEMBERS: Henry and Susie Stocking, shown here visiting with Norman Harrell outside their home, are the oldest members of the Kobuk mission, which was begun in 1957 as a mission effort of Baptists in Kotzebue.



CHURCH APARTMENT: The Harrells stayed in a tiny apartment behind the sanctuary of the mission at both villages. Mrs. Faith Moyer is shown at the Kobuk mission teaching three other adults in a Bible class held in the apartment used by the Harrells.

'Greenhorn' U. S.-2ers Meet Alaska Challenge

By Norman Harrell

When we first came to the tiny village of Kobuk in northwest Alaska as US-2 volunteers for the Home Mission Board, we almost were tempted to get back on the plane and return to Texas. There was just a small apartment in the back of a little log church.

I was just a greenhorn, I guess what you would call a city slicker. I had hardly even driven a nail and I never had chopped wood. The first winter I insulated all around the little apartment except for the floor. I remember once when we turned up the stove the margarine in the shelves melted and dripped down to the floor and froze solid (temperatures tumble as low as -55 degrees). Also that first winter, a heavy snow covered the water hole we had cut in the ice over the river and I was looking for it. I found it, all right—I stepped in it. I think the Eskimos were kind of worried about us at first because it seemed like I was all thumbs at times. But God helped us over the rough spots.

The Kobuk Baptist Mission began in 1954, but until my wife Gunita and I were assigned there in 1965 under the US-2 program, no full-time missionaries ever were sent into the area. The village has a total population of about 70, and nearly as many dogs. There are about 40 Eskimos enrolled in the Sunday School now, with an average attendance of about 25. Most of these are women; many of the men think it is a sign of weakness to be a Christian. During the first year, we spent most of our time at Kobuk, making only monthly trips to Shungnak, a village 10 miles away with about 170 people that also was a mission point. Tennessee BSU students helped us complete a building there last summer and we began going once a week. Then, after simultaneous revival crusades in Alaska sponsored by the Home Mission Board, the response picked up significantly and we moved our headquarters to Shungnak, where about 65 now are enrolled in Sunday School.

The experience of this two-year US-2 assignment has drawn us nearer to God. I haven't got the right words to describe the challenge of going out to a strange place, a strange people, and a strange environment. It's just a bare challenge to your soul and your heart and your life to meet a tough assignment head-on and with God's help conquer the obstacles that you think will block your way.

(Editor's note: Norman and Gunita Harrell plan to move to Fort Worth this fall, where Harrell is scheduled to enroll at Southwestern Seminary. He is a graduate of Baylor University, she of a nursing school in Waco, Texas. They were replaced by new US-2 appointees Michael and Elizabeth Brown, newlyweds and graduates of Appalachian State Teacher's College in Boone, N.C. US-2 is a two-year homeland mission youth corps for college graduates sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The Harrells took Rhoda, 10-year-old Eskimo girl, to stay with them a year in Fort Worth.)



SHUNGNAK HEADQUARTERS: Norman and Gunita moved their "headquarters" to the larger village of Shungnak during the latter part of their US-2 assignment. Here they are shown together crossing a wooden bridge at Shungnak with a young Eskimo friend.

SPANISH POLICE CLOSE MISSION

The Baptist mission of Basauri (suburb of Bilbao), Spain, was closed by police on August 2. Located on the first floor of an apartment house, the meeting place had a regular congregation of fewer than 20, according to reports reaching the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from its missionary press representative in Madrid.

The missionary quoted from a newspaper article which said the civil governor of Bilbao reportedly ordered the church bolted because the minister failed to produce a written statement from the government specifically authorizing it to remain open.

The congregation, according to the story, was under the impression it could continue services under a law of 1880 which stipulates that meetings involving 20 persons or less do not require official permission. It had been meeting for worship regularly for several years.

Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Foreign Mission Board, said this is the first known closing of churches or missions by Spanish officials since the Spanish Cortes (Parliament) adopted a new religious liberty law in June. In fact, it is the first known closing of a Protestant church in several years.

Protestant leaders have been denouncing the law, which reportedly guarantees religious liberty in Spain, as unworkable.

"One requirement of the law, according to the newspaper account, is that all non-Roman Catholic religious denominations in Spain are considered 'associations' or 'communities,' and must be specifically approved by the Ministry of Justice. In addition to this stipulation, Protestant officials oppose the law's requirements that individual ministers register with the government and that all non-Catholic clergy must carry identification cards."

Once a church registers with the government, the authorities are empowered to demand a list of the names of its parishioners, as well as a statement of its financial accounts, the law's opponents say.

Administrative officials of the Foreign Mission Board have not read a copy of the law as it was actually voted.

Dr. Hughey has a copy of the proposed law in the Spanish language, but he is not sure that this is the final text. He wishes to withhold comment until he has further information. A copy of the law has been requested from the Spanish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

WHO WILL GO TO LATIN AMERICA?

By J. G. Allen, Horn Lake

NOTE: Mr. Allen has been on two SBC Brotherhood-sponsored tours to Mexico, several preaching tours to the West, and last spring went with a group of laymen to South America.

I was a member of an eight-man layman team, probing into the possibilities of greater evangelistic effort in Latin America, this past spring. We found a friendly people, hungry for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We were all heartily received in the churches, seminaries, schools and civic meetings. Our missionaries had planned for the activities of each member of the team and where he would sleep, eat and speak. During our stay in Chile we had over 100 professions of faith and 180 rededications. Total decisions in other countries were not compiled.

We found the doors of opportunity open for Christian workers and the field white unto harvest. It is a great

challenge for us to help people many who are living in darkness and the half light of half truths, whose hearts hunger for the knowledge that someone cares. With so much of the national life of Mexico and South America entombed in the dusty past, there is still a certain charm from the markets and hovels to the mansions of magnificent architecture. In the midst of its poverty and grandeur there is a challenge for the fires of evangelism to wipe out the threat of communism throughout Latin America and bring the people to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We were told the evangelistic fires often ignite the beginning of a new work, then fade away for the lack of trained leadership to carry on. That was the problem wherever we went. While in a conference with the President of the National Baptist Convention, in Chile, one of our men asked him what their greatest need was. He quickly replied, "Men!" "We need trained leaders to come train our young leaders. We do not have enough local pastors and trained laymen to meet the demand." Yet, Southern Baptists in the U. S. have the greatest working force in Latin America in our Baptist history. Missionaries get calls to start work in new places but

so often must say, "We do not have the help."

This thought reminds me of what Rev. John Parker of Santiago, Chile, told me one day — (Parker was one of my interpreters). He was witnessing to a man that had never heard the Story of Jesus. He listened with great interest about Christ's mission on earth and His power to save. When Mr. Parker had completed the story, the man asked, "When did this happen?" He replied, "Almost 2000 years ago." The man gave a grunt of disgust and said, "I don't believe a word of this. If all this was actually true, people would not have waited nearly 2000 years to tell about it."

You may say that sounds incredible to think, in our enlightened age, there are people in the Western Hemisphere who have never heard the old Story of Jesus. Now, let each of us pause and ask ourselves this question — "Just how much have I, personally, done to help carry the message to the remote areas where life moves slowly by oxcart, and customs have remained unchanged for centuries?"

They are content with the pioneer type of living and many of them never see a large city until long after adulthood. The past few years have been bringing great changes all over Latin America. Money from the United States has made good roads into the interiors and our missionaries can go into these remote areas. They are spread out so thin, and the response is so great, they need help!

I want to tell you this little experience which is typical of many. In the little churches in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, word had been sent out that a layman from North America was to speak in their church. We arrived a little late, and since I did not see any cars or other means of transportation, I thought we would not have more than eight or ten people. However, when we got inside, I was surprised to see all the seats filled and people standing around the walls. They were all very attentive as I told them the Plan of Salvation and what Christ had meant in my own life. The response was wonderful and some eight or ten adults made their decision for Christ. One young man came forward, dedicating himself for full-time service.

After the prayer of dismissal, the young man wanted to speak with the missionary. While the people were going out—the room was cold, and I decided to go to the car and wait where I would be warm. As I went out the door I saw a group of elderly ladies standing just a few feet away from the steps but never thought anything about it until they had me surrounded and I found myself in the center of a ring of ladies. Then one about 65 years of age stepped forward, gave me a big bear hug with both arms, holding me while she made a speech, in Spanish. Not having been warned in advance of this old custom, I was surprised and a little nervous, for I was afraid she was going to kiss me!

On the way back to Temuco (about 400-500 miles south of

Santiago, Chile) where I was staying with the missionary family, Lemar Tribble, Rev. Gordon Vestal, my interpreter, said they were paying me their highest expression of appreciation for my talk. The fact that I was a working man and knew the Lord was highly acceptable. A show of appreciation for this fact was demonstrated a number of times in other places.

The response from the rural people was very good, and also in the cities, but their show of appreciation was somewhat different. I think it was best expressed by one man who was a chemist in Montevideo, Uruguay. After going every night to some church and hearing a different layman speak, he told one of the missionaries, "These men have something I don't have, but I wish I had it."

Do we not have more young people in our Southern Baptist Convention area who would be willing to go and help enlarge this work? And do we not have more dedicated Christians who would be willing to undergird and enlarge our missionary program with their prayers and money? May God cause us to meditate more upon this matter.

Keeper Of The Garden Tomb Casualty Of Israeli-Arab War

Rev. S. J. Mattar died on Tuesday the 6th of June 1967, at the age of seventy-five.

On the morning of June 5, 1967, at the beginning of the war, Rev. and Mrs. Mattar and their secretary, Miss Sigrid W. Proff, took shelter in the rock-hewn tomb from the constant bombing and shooting. They remained in the tomb until about 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning when Mr. Mattar went to the house to determine the extent of damage and to obtain food for them. About 7:30 a. m. there was banging at the gate. Mattar went outside and greeted the Israeli soldiers in a friendly manner, but was shot to death. His watch, wallet, papers and other valuables were taken at that time. As they were leaving the house, the

soldiers fired several times into the tomb where Mrs. Mattar and Miss Proff had remained. Fortunately, they were not injured, though a bullet went through a blanket which Mrs. Mattar had folded in front on her.

After some time both were able to find shelter in a nearby cellar where they remained for four days. During this time the house was looted; the safe was forced open; papers, deeds and everything of value was taken. On the fourth day, Mrs. Mattar was able to return and obtain help to bury Mr. Mattar.

Mrs. S. J. Mattar, after burial of her husband, was able to escape to Amman, Jordan, then to Beirut, Lebanon, and then to this country where she arrived on

June 17, 1967.

In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Mattar and seven children were forced by war to leave their home and land in Haifa, Palestine. They made their way to Jerusalem and in 1953 were appointed to care for the Garden Tomb. Prior to 1948, Mattar was an employee of Barclays Bank in charge of their Agricultural Loan Department.

Many people in this area who have made the trip to the Holy Land in recent years will remember Rev. and Mrs. Mattar as kind, generous people who enjoyed their service to God, and the assistance that they were able to give to those who visited the tomb.

Mrs. Mattar was a visitor in Laurens, S. C., in 1964, as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. J.

Kelley of Conway Avenue. Her daughter, Grace, is the wife of M. J. Kelley, son of the Kelleys.

This is the second time in twenty years that Mrs. Mattar has been a refugee. When she arrived in this country she required medical attention. She had a very small amount of money. Her immediate financial needs are urgent.

To give an opportunity to anyone who wants to share in helping Mrs. Mattar, a "Mrs. S. J. Mattar Fund" has been opened at the Palmetto Bank and the First National Bank, Laurens, S. C. Many of the churches are responding to this need.



LABOR DAY — "...establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." Psalm 90:17. (RNS Photo)

RESOLUTION, SPECIAL SERVICE, GIFTS

First, Laurel, Praises The McKibbens

Dr. Thomas R. McKibbens (fondly known as "Bro. Mc") and wife, Betty, were honored at a special Appreciation Service by First Church, Laurel, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 16, in the Church Chapel.

Sam and Elizabeth Pack were in charge of the special service and Mr. Pack was Master of Ceremonies.

A Resolution of Appreciation for "Bro. Mc" and "Betty" was read and presented by Charles W. Pickering and unanimously adopted.

A report was given by J. W. Fagan, a member of the 1940 Pulpit Committee which secured "Bro. Mc" as pastor.

A 16 x 20 photograph of "Bro. Mc" was presented by Sam Pack to be displayed in the church library. Kenneth E. Bullock, Chairman of Deacons, presented a silver bowl of elegant design to the honorees as an addition to their silver pattern, a token of esteem from the church.

J. E. "Red" Ruffin, in a facetious vein, stated that a defect had been observed in the silver bowl and that the church had designated him to correct this defect. He then stated the defect was that the bowl was empty and thereupon presented "Bro. Mc" with a check made up of love offerings from the congregation.

The appreciation service was closed with a rendition of poetry by Mrs. G. M. Harris in tribute to Betty McKibbens, after which Mrs. Harris presented Betty with a bouquet of red roses.

Dr. McKibbens resigned his pastorate at First Church on March 20, 1967 after almost 18 years of service. His resignation was prompted upon the advice of his physicians.



Dr. & Mrs. T. R. McKibbens

He and his wife continue to make their home at 1028 Euclid Avenue, Laurel.

Resolution

The resolution, prepared by Sam Pack, adopted at the Appreciation Service, was in part as follows:

"Words are at best a poor vehicle to convey an expression of our deep affection for Brother Mc and Betty."

"The pastorate of Brother Mc has been filled with busy years of continuous devotion to the service of the Lord and to this church. The physical accomplishments made under his leadership are evident as we worship in our chapel or study in our educational building. More enduring even than these are the spiritual values toward which he and Betty have led us by precept and example. His tenure has been a long and gratifying experience of spiritual enrichment."

"Neither Brother Mc nor Betty would desire extended fulsome praise, deserving of

it though they are indeed. The congregation of this church therefore simply, but with utmost sincerity, resolves as follows:

"FIRST. To Brother Mc we express our deepest appreciation for his invaluable leadership in all phases of the life of this church."

"SECOND. To Brother Mc and Betty we express our abiding appreciation for the noble examples of Christian dedication which we have constantly seen in them."

"THIRD. To each of them we extend our lasting best wishes in whatsoever pursuits our Lord will lead them, and assure them that the prayers of us, their friends, will be with them always."

Harden Named To Hospital Staff

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Jimmie W. Harden, former controller, has been named assistant administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

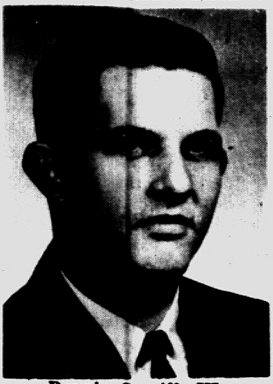
Bolton Church To Celebrate 30th Anniversary

On Sunday, September 10, the Bolton Church will celebrate their thirty-year anniversary with an "all day service and dinner on the ground."

Rev. L. P. Petty, who was pastor of the church when it was organized, will return to preach the anniversary sermon at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour.

The Thirty-Year Anniversary and Homecoming Committee of the church invites the public to attend.

Rev. Wayne O. Burkes is pastor.



Dennis Conniff, III

Daniels Calls Director Of Education

Dennis Conniff, III, has accepted the call as education director at Daniel Memorial, Jackson, to move on the church field just prior to September 1.

He is the son of Dennis Conniff, Jr., associate, state Sunday School Department.

He is married to the former Sandra Bishop. They have a daughter, Kellee, age 2.

Born in Birmingham, he graduated from Samford University, attended Southwestern Seminary one year, and graduated from New Orleans Seminary with a Master's Degree in Religious Education.

He directed Royal Ambassadors and the Recreation program at Hunter Street Church in Birmingham. He was Minister of Music and Youth at Elyton Church, Birmingham, and at Oakhurst Church, Ft. Worth. He is currently serving as Education Director at Long Beach, First Church where he has served for two years.

Dr. Allen Webb is Daniel pastor.

Snyder Accepts Call To Florida

Rev. Donald Snyder, pastor of Harmony Church, Copiah County, Crystal Springs, since April, 1964, has resigned in order to accept the call of Belvedere Church, West Palm Beach, Florida.

While he was pastor of Harmony, there were thirty-seven additions and a new educational building erected; the offerings increased over fifty per cent.

Snyder has been active in associational work and for the past two years has been the association's chairman of evangelism.

He has pastored churches in West Palm Beach, St. Petersburg, Florida, Louisiana, and Crystal Springs, Miss.

He is married to the former Carolyn Davis of West Palm Beach, Florida, and has two children, Lynn and Dave.

State Native Joins Staff At BSSB

Letha Cole, native of Cleveland, Miss., has accepted the position of assistant music editor in the church music department of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, effective in September.

Miss Cole graduated from Delta State College, Cleveland, and has attended Southwestern Seminary.

Prior to going to the Board, Miss Cole was Junior High music teacher in Key West, Fla.; pianist at Gorieta Assembly; pianist and organist at Immanuel Church, Cleveland; and Sunday school teacher at First Church, Dallas, Texas.

She is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Brady Cole of Cleveland.

Music

1966 CHURCH MUSIC ENROLMENT

BY ASSOCIATION

(Information based on the 1966 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual)

| Association | Total Number of Churches | Number Reporting & Music Enrolment | Number Reporting | Percent Reporting | Percent Not Reporting |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Adams | 16 | 10 | 6 | 63% | 37% |
| Alcorn | 29 | 5 | 24 | 17% | 83% |
| Attala | 31 | 9 | 22 | 29% | 71% |
| Benton | 11 | 3 | 8 | 27% | 73% |
| Bolivar | 28 | 11 | 17 | 39% | 61% |
| Calhoun | 50 | 6 | 44 | 12% | 88% |
| Carroll | 20 | 5 | 15 | 25% | 75% |
| Choctaw | 21 | 6 | 15 | 7% | 93% |
| Choctaw | 27 | 2 | 25 | 17% | 83% |
| Clay | 30 | 8 | 22 | 26% | 74% |
| Clay | 10 | 4 | 6 | 40% | 60% |
| Copiah | 31 | 13 | 18 | 42% | 58% |
| Covington | 19 | 11 | 8 | 58% | 42% |
| DeSoto | 21 | 8 | 13 | 38% | 62% |
| Franklin | 21 | 6 | 15 | 29% | 71% |
| George | 12 | 5 | 7 | 42% | 58% |
| Green | 18 | 2 | 16 | 11% | 89% |
| Grenada | 13 | 5 | 8 | 38% | 62% |
| Gulf Coast | 47 | 26 | 21 | 55% | 45% |
| Hinds | 51 | 42 | 9 | 82% | 18% |
| Holmes | 21 | 5 | 16 | 24% | 76% |
| Humphreys | 8 | 5 | 3 | 62.5% | 37.5% |
| Itawamba | 17 | 5 | 12 | 29.4% | 70.6% |
| Jackson | 36 | 25 | 11 | 69.5% | 30.5% |
| Jasper | 22 | 7 | 15 | 32% | 68% |
| Jeff Davis | 16 | 9 | 7 | 56% | 44% |
| Jones | 46 | 27 | 19 | 59% | 41% |
| Kemper | 15 | 5 | 10 | 33.3% | 66.7% |
| Lafayette | 22 | 6 | 16 | 27.3% | 72.7% |
| Lamar | 14 | 8 | 6 | 57% | 43% |
| Lauderdale | 49 | 26 | 23 | 53% | 47% |
| Lawrence | 21 | 21 | 0 | 100% | 0% |
| Leake | 33 | 7 | 26 | 21% | 79% |
| Lebanon | 36 | 24 | 12 | 66.7% | 33.3% |
| Lee | 39 | 21 | 18 | 54% | 46% |
| Leflore | 11 | 8 | 3 | 72.7% | 27.3% |
| Lincoln | 39 | 24 | 15 | 61.5% | 38.5% |
| Lowndes | 22 | 18 | 4 | 82% | 18% |
| Madison | 12 | 6 | 6 | 50% | 50% |
| Marion | 23 | 10 | 13 | 43.5% | 56.5% |
| Marshall | 17 | 7 | 10 | 41% | 59% |
| Mississippi | 27 | 10 | 17 | 37% | 63% |
| Monroe | 28 | 10 | 18 | 35.7% | 64.3% |
| Montgomery | 20 | 4 | 16 | 20% | 80% |
| Neshoba | 33 | 10 | 23 | 30% | 70% |
| New Choctaw | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0% | 100% |
| Newton | 29 | 7 | 22 | 24% | 76% |
| Noxubee | 11 | 10 | 1 | 91% | 9% |
| Oktibbeha | 17 | 17 | 0 | 100% | 0% |
| Panola | 25 | 14 | 11 | 56% | 44% |
| Pearl River | 29 | 13 | 16 | 45% | 55% |
| Perry | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0% | 100% |
| Pike | 29 | 17 | 12 | 58.6% | 41.4% |
| Pontotoc | 42 | 11 | 31 | 26% | 74% |
| Prentiss | 19 | 10 | 9 | 52.6% | 47.4% |
| Quitman | 11 | 4 | 7 | 36.4% | 63.6% |
| Rankin | 44 | 21 | 23 | 48% | 52% |
| Riverside | 16 | 8 | 8 | 50% | 50% |
| Scott | 35 | 8 | 27 | 23% | 77% |
| Sharkey | | | | | |
| Issaquena | 10 | 7 | 3 | 70% | 30% |
| Simpson | 43 | 16 | 27 | 37% | 63% |
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| Wayne | 24 | 5 | 19 | 21% | 79% |
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DR. MEWSHAW DIES AT 83

Dr. Robert E. L. Mewshaw, 83, of Waco, Tex., emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to China, died August 12.

A native of Garland, Tex., Dr. Mewshaw graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, with the doctor of medicine degree in 1908. Later, while on furlough from China, he studied in Baptist Bible Institute (now New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary), New Orleans, La.

He practiced medicine in Texas before going overseas.

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Booneville Pastor Moves To Kentucky

Rev. Billy E. Roby has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Booneville, to become pastor of Yellow Creek Church in the suburbs of Owensboro, Kentucky.

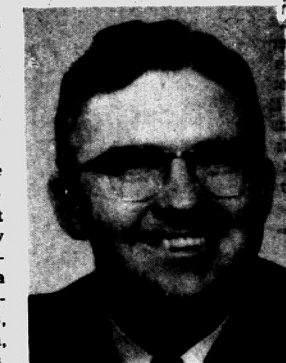
He has been pastor at Booneville since March, 1961. During this period there have been 252 additions by baptism and 344 by letter and statement.

Land was purchased to place a mission building and a full time pastor has been called to the mission. A new centrally heated and air conditioned building is on the mission property and is almost debt free.

The main church has purchased property valued at over \$35,000, raised in excess of \$70,000 for the Building Fund, and has just let a contract and started construction on a new auditorium and educational plant. The total project will cost approximately \$330,000.

Total contributions during the time that Brother Roby was pastor totaled approximately \$453,612.00 and approximately \$85,940.00 was given to all mission causes.

Mr. Roby's new address will be the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, 1555 Kentucky Highway 144, Owensboro, Kentucky. The move was effective August 14.



Rev. Billy E. Roby



THE NOLAN JOHNSTON FAMILY — First row: Jon, Mrs. Johnston, Jim. Second Row: Mr. Johnston and Jan.

Johnston Assumes Position In New Orleans Association

Sunday, August 13, Nolan Johnston left Hattiesburg for New Orleans where he will assume his new position as associate to the executive secretary for education and training for the New Orleans Baptist Association.

For the past six years and eight months, he has served most effectively as minister of education at the Main Street Baptist Church, according to Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor. During these years he has led in strengthening the work in all organizations of the church. Mrs. Johnston during this time has served as a leader in the Nursery Department as well as in all phases of the life of the church.

The Main Street Church honored the Johnston family with a reception following the Sunday evening worship service on August 13. Many members of the church, as well as friends from churches all over the association, were present in the Fellowship Hall to express their appreciation and best wishes to the Johnstons.

In addition to his many

duties at Main Street Baptist Church, Mr. Johnston served as director of Training Union for the Lebanon Association and Sunday school superintendent and Vacation Bible School superintendent for this group. He served as president and vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association.

11 From State On The Staff At Glorieta

GLORIETA, N.M.—Eleven Mississippi Baptists are serving on the summer staff of Glorieta Assembly during the second six-weeks session July 20 through Sept. 4.

Mississippi staffers include David Gooch, Columbus; Jane Brewer, Union; Margaret Caperton, Greenwood; Mary Ellen Dorman, Quitman; Sandra Godfrey, Pontotoc; Rita Leach, Union; Barbara Russell, Meadville; Marh Hughes, Louisville; Lois Peckham, Purvis; and Cathy Woods, Louisville.

The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM— The Christian Conscience Proper Use Of Spiritual Gifts

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 23:12 to 25:12

The apostle Paul was a prisoner in Jerusalem. He had been rescued by Roman soldiers, first from a mob and then from the Sanhedrin. A plot to murder Paul was thwarted when the chief officer of the Roman garrison learned about it and sent Paul promptly to Caesarea for safekeeping by Felix the governor. When Ananias and other representatives of the Sanhedrin went to Caesarea to present their charges against Paul, he defended himself before the governor.

The Lesson Explained PLOT AGAINST PAUL'S LIFE (23:12 to 24:9)

An understanding of Paul's witness as a prisoner calls for consideration of all the events recorded in the larger Bible lesson. Paul's enemies were determined on his destruction. More than forty of them bound themselves under an oath neither to eat nor drink until they had killed the apostle. In some way, Paul's nephew learned of the plot against Paul's life. The lad went promptly to Paul, and was then sent by Paul to the captain of the Roman garrison to report the information. The captain knew the length to which the would-be murderers would go. He ordered a strong guard to take Paul to Caesarea and deliver him to Felix. A letter was sent to the governor giving details.

Felix probably received Paul in routine fashion, but he soon discovered that he had a notable prisoner. The high priest, Ananias, and other members of the Sanhedrin, and an orator named Tertullus went to Caesarea and made their charges against Paul. He was charged as an insurrectionist of worldwide activity, a ringleader of the Nazarenes (that is, Jesus' followers), and a profaner of the Temple. The assassination plot had been foiled, and now Paul's enemies were doing their utmost to bring about his death.

PAUL'S DEFENSE BEFORE FELIX (24:10-21)

Paul's defense before the governor was a tactful but straightforward denial of the charges against him and a clear-cut affirmation of his Christian faith. He challenged his accusers to prove their charges, which they were unable to do. Paul openly con-

fessed that he was a follower of the Way. The followers of Jesus were known as the people of the Way.

Paul's integrity of conscience made him bold. Again Paul challenged his accusers to point to any wrongdoing on his part. The only true charge they made was that he believed in the resurrection of the dead. This charge, Paul admitted. His life had been changed on the Damascus road. He had found the Messiah of Israel in Jesus.

TWO YEARS IN CAESAREA (24:22 to 25:12)

Felix delayed any decision until the chief military officer from Jerusalem would come down and give full information about Paul's arrest. In the meantime, Paul was kept in prison, his friends being allowed access to him. Some days later Felix, accompanied by Drusilla, his wife, invited Paul to discuss the faith in Christ. Paul took advantage of the occasion to preach, directing his message directly to the governor, declaring the truth about righteousness and self-control and the judgment to come. We can be certain that the governor's conscience was indicted—he was terrified—but he put off Paul until a more convenient season. He did call for Paul many times. He had no interest in Christ, but he had much interest in money. Two years passed. Felix succeeded by Festus. Festus hoped to exploit Paul in order to gain favor with the Jews. Therefore, Paul's only alternative was to appeal to Caesar.

Truths to Live By

Integrity of conscience is a source of courage. — Paul's life was his own defense. His conscience was clear, void of any offense toward God and men. This made him fearless in the presence of his accusers. A person with clear conscience, honestly striving to do right in the sight of God and to do right by all men, will have courage for the trying experiences of life.

A good conscience demands moral commitment and struggle. — A good conscience is not an accident but an achievement. A person achieves integrity and uprightness by making a decision to regulate his life by what is right and by resolutely following that principle.

A Christian's life should interpret the Way.—It is not surprising that the early Christians became identified with Jesus as persons of the Way. A new joy and power marked them out from among the unbelieving community.

By Bill Duncan
1 Corinthians 14

Have you ever heard anyone speak with tongues? I have to admit that I have not either. This only points to the difficulty in interpreting this passage. The apostle was writing to show the dangers in those days when persons spoke



with tongues and the superiority of the gift of prophecy or preaching over tongues. This is a practical explanation of the use of spiritual gifts in Christian living. We all want our witness to be effective.

The Principle of Edification

In order to build the church up, the Christian must pursue love. This chapter is based upon the beautiful principle of love in Chapter 13. The Christian life is a growth process into full maturity in love.

Throughout the chapter Paul sets two spiritual gifts in comparison, tongue and prophecy, with the theme prophecy, is much superior because it is intelligible and will edify the church. Tongues may enrich the spiritual experience of the speaker but that is all. Preaching very nearly gives the meaning of prophecy as we know it. This will increase a man's knowledge to live the Christian life. It will encourage a man to conquer sin and work harder. It will comfort the broken heart.

An illustration is used of musical instruments to show the need of understanding. If a musical instrument obeys the normal laws of harmony, it can produce a melody which everyone can recognize. Whatever gift a person may have, he needs to use it with his mind so that others may be able to understand it.

Paul does not deny the gift of tongues, for he possesses the gifts more than anyone else does. He says where it is used it needs to be interpreted and he had no desire to use the gift without an interpretation. However, he would much rather prophesy with understanding because it is profitable to people who hear.

The emphasis on understanding is related to our day. We are in a knowledge explosion age. Christianity has nothing to fear in the search for truth. We need to interpret for our age Christianity with the spirit and with understanding. We cannot be content with the "pat" answer that comes easy when youth is being trained to examine all his world with penetrating insight. Our message needs to be in the language of the people and presented in an interesting way.

CRAIG ELECTED HEAD OF UNION UNIVERSITY

JACKSON, Tenn. (BP) — Robert E. Craig, president of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., for the past six years, has been elected the 17th president of Union University here.

The 40-year-old educator is also a former academic dean of California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., serving there from 1958 until 1961 when he became president of the Missouri Baptist school.

Craig is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., and holds the doctorate in administration from North Texas State University, Denton, Tex.

An active Baptist layman, Craig has been a deacon and president of the Baptist Brotherhood layman's organization at his church.

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DEVOTIONAL

Response To An Invitation

By Bob E. Simmons, Pastor, Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian

Does it surprise you that David is called "a man after God's own heart"? It should not. Of course, it is true that David fell into sin with Bathsheba and it is true that he showed other weaknesses to which all of us have fallen heir. But was there ever a man who seemed to understand the deep things of God like David did? The wonders of creation, the marvels of God's love and grace, the joys of worship — these David understood as only one can who lives close to the Lord. This intimacy with things divine is clearly seen in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

David's enthusiasm for the things of the Lord is most refreshing as it is reflected here. He was glad for the privilege of going into the Lord's house. It is impossible to escape the conclusion that in our day people do not want to come to worship. Perhaps this is because they do not want to be shown their needs and their failings. Nor will they come even when we try to make the House of the Lord the most attractive place in the community. All David had was the tabernacle. It was not elaborate; it offered no seats; it had no coverings to protect from the elements. Yet David wanted to go there. If he felt so, how much more should we delight to go to the Lord's house in our day. Do we?

David's insight is also an indication of his spiritual awareness. He saw the tabernacle as a place where God's presence was a special reality. Most do not feel so today about God's House. Some see the House of Worship simply as a place to spend long, dreary hours with no delight and little profit. We've come a long way from the time when only special ones could touch the ark to an era in which anyone may write upon church walls. Sometimes it seems as though the diligent janitor perceives more than anyone the sacred nature of the House of the Lord. He keeps it clean and shining with an inspired purpose. While we know that God is everywhere, it is in His House that we sense His nearness in a special way. It is a sacred place to us if we have David's insight.

David's willingness to expend energy is seen in the words, "Let us go!" He liked to hear the invitations, even though they cost him time and effort. He was willing to give the energy for worshiping. God's House is not brought to men; men come to it. This is fitting. We give energy for everything else—ball games, vacations, hobbies, vocations. Why not also for worship? Common sense may dictate that we should plan around conflicts between the activities of the Church and those of the school or community. But deliver us from the day when we give in to the cry, "Call off Prayer Meeting for the ball game!" We ought to cling to the privilege of giving up something for the service of the Lord. What better way to show our love? We are not scourged these days, you remember. There might even be value in making our services more inconvenient. "Let us go!" is a proper call. Without such a willingness there would be no organized religion at all. Moreover, we would do well to recall what Thomas missed when he neglected "to go" with his Christian companions to meet for prayer.

There is no time lost in waiting if you are waiting on the Lord.

The way to do a great deal for Christ is to keep on doing a little.

He who prays as he ought will endeavor to live as he prays.

The more we study, the more we discover our ignorance.



"EVERY TONGUE should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Phil. 2:11)—One of Every Five Americans is from a language-cultural background other than English. Is your church committed to reach these people too? The week of August 28-September 3, 1967 is set aside as Language Missions Week to remind us that we are to be witnesses to all nationalities—in our own neighborhood as well as in foreign lands. Perhaps a "language class or department" can be started in your church.

Only The Language Was Different

The men came early. Their clothing was rough and their words were different, but their attitude revealed an appreciation of their surroundings. The evangelistic service to which they had been invited was scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m. By 7:00 nearly two hundred had gathered.

The service began. Prayers were spoken in words I could not understand and familiar hymns were sung in the same strange language. After awhile I stood to preach with an interpreter beside me. It was a new and exciting experience. And the most exciting part of all was when one hundred and thirty-eight men came forward to announce they had received Christ Jesus as personal Saviour.

Perhaps the surprising part is that this service was held in my own church in California. I preach from that same pulpit every Sunday.

In cooperation with the small Spanish Baptist church, we had invited to our church the several hundred Mexican braceros working in our valley and had provided transportation for those who would attend.

During the preceding week they had been given opportunity to see Spanish language Christian films in their labor camp and had been given evangelistic tracts and New Testaments written in Spanish.

What a harvest a little sowing prepared! We have learned that there are countless ways of evangelism open to those who are alert to discover them — and for us the Crusade of the Americas has begun!—R. Edwin Norris, Baptist Bulletin Service.



THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION of Auburn Church, Tupelo, honored their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. William P. Smith, III, (pictured) with a reception following the evening service, Sunday, August 6. For the past 3½ years the Smiths have lived at West Point where he served as pastor of the Siloam Church. Mr. Smith, a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Mary Ellis Perkins of Tupelo.

Revival Results

Calvary, Canton: July 23-30; Rev. E. D. Estes, Jackson, evangelist; four professions of faith; four by letter; majority of membership made rededications; "good results still coming, with three new members by transfer"; Rev. C. O. Estes, pastor.

Jayess (Lawrence): August 13-18; William Carey College Evangelistic Team in charge; Rev. James E. Messer, evangelist; Miss Pat Higgins, song leader; Miss Betty Perry, pianist; 14 conversions; one by baptism, from another denomination; one on statement; two by letter; one surrendering to preach; over 100 rededications; Rev. Ben H. Davis, pastor.

First, Holly Springs: Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor, evangelist; Miss Shirley Upchurch, song leader; 22 additions; ten for baptism; twelve by letter; four surrendering for full-time Christian service; one answering call to preach.

Mountain Home Church, Fayette County, Alabama:

August 6-13; 14 professions of faith; two by letter; many rededications; Rev. Frank Cayson, pastor; Rev. Joe Holcomb of Clarke College, evangelist (see "Names in the News.")

Mt. Olive Church, Carroll Association: July 23-28; Rev. Harry McGuffee, evangelist, Rt. 1, Many, Louisiana; 60 conversions and baptisms, 20 conversions, going to other churches; 13 rededications; 8 by letter; Rev. J. G. Hood, Coila, pastor.

14 BAPTIZED IN MADRID

Rev. James M. Watson, Southern Baptist missionary pastor of English-language Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, baptized 14 persons just before leaving the country for a year's furlough in the States. This was the largest number ever baptized by the church at one time, though there are additions to the church almost every service.

Beacon Street Forms Youth Evangelism Team

Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor of Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, has announced the formation of a youth evangelistic team. The team is available to other churches to conduct regular worship services, week-end revivals during the school months, and regular revivals during the summer months. They may be scheduled by writing to Beacon Street Baptist Church, P. O. Box 185, Philadelphia, Miss. or by calling 656-4620 or 656-2852.

The group is led by Jerry Jones, preacher, a student at Miss. State University. Kenny Rea, student at East Central Junior College, serves as the song leader. A quartet or a trio is usually composed of David Rogers, Judy Sistrunk, Jenny Lynn Ethridge, and Mike Miller. The pianist is Judy Sistrunk. "These young people have all dedicated their lives and talents to Christ. They are members of the new Youth Soul Winning Team in training now at Beacon Street Church," states Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor.



BILLY CARSON GARRETT was licensed to the gospel ministry August 6 at the Harrisville Church, Harrisville, Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor. A senior at Harrisville High School, Billy is the son of Mrs. Louise Garrett and the late Claud E. Garrett.

Names In The News

Rev. Joe Holcomb, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Holcomb of Route 1, Pontotoc, preached for revival services at Mountain Home Church, Fayette County, Alabama, August 6-13. (See "Revival Results.") A student at Clarke College, he is available for supply preaching. He lives at 102 McMullan Street, Newton.

John Price, student at Mississippi College, was chosen as Pike County delegate to the NATIONAL 4-H CITIZENSHIP SHORT COURSE in Washington, D.C. August 5-13. Price is an active member of the BSU, and a member of Navilla Baptist Church where he teaches a Junior boy's Sunday School Class. He has served as lay speaker in his own and other Baptist churches in Pike county, and was Master of Ceremonies at the Pike County Youth Rally this year.

Rev. Wm. L. Bennet has resigned the pastorate of Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, Tenn., to move to Fort Smith, Arkansas. Speedway Terrace has over 2,000 members, with a Sunday school average attendance of 500 and Training Union attendance of around 250.

Kay Jones, journeyman, will teach in Baptist Academy, Casilla 50-D, Temuco, Chile. Kay was born in Ripley, Miss., and lived there and in Birmingham and Decatur, Ala., while growing up. She graduated from Samford University, Birmingham, this year.

Rev. and Mrs. Payton Myers left the States on July 26 for Nigeria, following furlough. They may be addressed, Kawo Pastors' School, Box 48, Kaduna, Nigeria, West Africa. He was born in Hazlehurst, Miss., and grew up in Jackson, Miss.; she, the former Helen Green, was born in Prentiss, Miss., where she also spent most of her childhood. Mr. Myers was pastor of Siloam Baptist Church, West Point, Miss., when they were appointed missionaries in 1963.

Rev. Wesley G. Ellis, pastor of Goodwater Church, Simpson County, for four years and ten months, has resigned to return to New Orleans Seminary for the last year of his work toward the Doctor of Theology degree. He has served the association in many ways. Mrs. Ellis is associational WMU president now. The resignation is effective September 1.

Rev. Eugene Young, pastor of Eastside Raleigh, and Rose Hill, Smith County, has accepted the pastorate of Pleasant Hill Church, Magee.

Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Davis of First, Mendenhall, and Rev. and Mrs. Harold Douglas of Pinola were recently honored by their respective congregations with receptions celebrating their 25th wedding anniversaries.

Rev. James Berch has resigned as pastor at Strong River Church, Simpson County, effective September 1. Continued growth of his pastorate at Westside Church, Hazlehurst, made this action imperative.

Dr. David C. Dorr, Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., and Dr. Jean Dickman, missionaries to Gaza, may now be addressed, Baptist Hospital, Gaza, via Israel. Mrs. Dorr and Mrs. Moore may be addressed, Baptist Village, Mobile Post, Central Sharon, Israel. Dr. Dorr is a native of Mt. Rainier, Md.; Mrs. Dorr, the former Roberta Kells, was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and lived in Wisconsin and Washington, D.C., while growing up. Dr. Moore was born in Selma, Ala., but grew up in Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Moore, the former Patricia Pitchford, was born in Hartsboro, Okla., and lived in Oklahoma and California while growing up. Dr. Dickman is a native of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Rev. Billy Vaughn of New Orleans Seminary has accepted the pastorate of Shifalo Memorial Church at Kiln. He has moved on the field.

Argentina Girds For Crusade

"Argentine Baptists are well organized and ready to move forward" in the Crusade of the Americas, declares Rev. Samuel Libert, Mr. Libert, an Argentine, is regional coordinator for southern South America for the hemispheric evangelistic campaign to culminate in 1969.

Argentine Baptist leaders, pastors, laymen, and students and Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina studied plans for their part in the Crusade during a recent conference at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires.

Southern Baptist Missionary James D. Crane gave nine lectures on evangelism, and Missionary Alan W. Compton led conferences on techniques in radio-television evangelism. (Mr. Crane is the Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Mexico and Central America, and Mr. Compton is radio-TV representative for Latin America. Both live in Mexico.)

Later Missionary H. Earl Peacock, of Brazil, general coordinator of the Crusade, visited Buenos Aires to discuss Crusade plans.

IST, COLUMBUS PRESENTS FOLK MUSIC

The Chapel Choir of First Church, Columbus, presented two folk hymns in the Sunday evening service on August 20. These were 20th century folk hymns from the new book REJOICE of Marks Publishing Company.

Guitars were used to accompany the choir. Billy Vaughan, Minister of Music, explained the folk hymn background to the congregation. Folk hymns from the BAPTIST HYMNAL were used as congregational music.

Dr. S. R. Woodson is pastor.

Revival Dates



Broadmoor, Jackson: August 27-September 3; Dr. David R. Grant, pastor; William Bumstead, minister of music; regular services on Sunday; weekday services 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; morning services to feature studies of Book of Daniel; special music and evangelistic messages each evening.



Calvary, Meridian: September 17-24; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Vance Havner, evangelist; James Carraway, in charge of music; Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor; visiting ministers for morning service, Monday through Friday, invited to stay for noon meal at the church. (Dr. Vance Havner is the author of 24 books. They will be available for ministers, and Dr. Havner will be glad to autograph each one.)

Calvary, Waynesboro: September 4-10; Rev. N. H. Smith, Pascagoula, evangelist; Steve Garner of Calvary Church, music director; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor.

"Stewardship cannot be conceived of apart from the entire family of man. One who earns money never thinks, speaks, or works in isolation. A steward can never quite separate himself from the human family: every thought, word, and action is qualified and ultimately determined by the fact that he is a member of that family."—W. E. Grinstead in Principles of Stewardship Development (Convention Press, 1967)



NASHVILLE—LEADING CHURCH MUSIC programs is the subject of five new church study course books from Convention Press, Nashville. Setting the background for knowledge of the church music program are "Church Music Through the Ages" (top left) by Robert Douglass and "Biblical Foundations For Church Music" (top right) by Joseph F. Green. "The Beginner Music Activity Leadership Manual" (bottom left) "The Junior Choir Leadership Manual" (bottom center) and "The Youth Choir Leadership Manual" (bottom right) give leadership knowledge for those without technical music knowledge as well as the professional musician. Saxe Adams, is author of the beginner manual; Robert L. Jones wrote the junior guide; and Paul Bobbitt, wrote the youth choir book. "Let's Make Music Book Two," (not shown) another new study course book designed to teach juniors to read music, is available with a teacher's guide and the Broadman filmstrip "The ABC's of Music, No. 2." "Let's Make Music" is by Mabel W. Sample. All the books are available at Baptist Book Stores.—BSSB PHOTO



LOUISVILLE, KY.—DR. CLYDE T. FRANCISCO, right, John R. Sampey professor of Old Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary, talks with Dr. Russell McIntire, pastor of First Church, Clinton, during a recent Continuing Theological Education Conference held at Southern Seminary. Also, participating in the conference was Rev. Macklyn W. Habbell of Cleveland.